

IN THE CLAIMS

Kindly amend claims 10-17 as follows*:

10. (Amended) A biologically active TGF- β family member fusion protein according to claim 1 wherein a part of said leader sequence is truncated.

11. (Amended) The fusion protein of claim 10 wherein said truncation is carried out by protease cleavage.

12. (Amended) The fusion protein of claim 11 wherein said protease is trypsin.

13. (Amended) The fusion protein of claim 10 wherein said truncation is carried out by chemical cleavage.

14. (Amended) The fusion protein of claim 13 wherein said chemical cleavage is acid cleavage.

15. (Amended) The fusion protein of claim 10 wherein at least one basic amino acid residue of said leader sequence is removed.

16. (Amended) The fusion protein of claim 10 consisting essentially of amino acid sequence SEQ ID NO. 69.

17. (Amended) A biologically active heterodimer of TGF- β family member proteins comprising:

* An "Appendix of Amendments" is enclosed at Tab A, showing the amendments to claims 10-17. In the Appendix, the added portion is underscored and the deleted portion is bracketed.